Fire fighting equipments in high rise buildings

4150. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the fire that took place recently in a multi-storeyed building in Delhi;

(b) whether various metropolitan cities which have permitted constructioon of high rise buildings have adequate facilities to fight fire; if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, what measures Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether Government prescribed any minimum package of measures that each metropolitan administration should have where there are high rise buildings; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether our metropolitan administrations have latest technology and equipments on fire fighting with special reference to high rise structures; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Sabha.

कोठागुड्डेम (आंध्र प्रदेश) में स्पंज आयरन संयंत्र

4151. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या **इस्पात और खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि स्पंज आयरन इंडिया लिमिटड को कोठागुड्डेम (आंध्र प्रदेश) द्वारा स्पंज लोहे का विनिर्माण किया जाता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी वार्षिक उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है और पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इसका वर्षवार वार्षिक उत्पादन कितना रहा है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस संस्थान द्वारा उत्पादित स्पंज लोहा विश्व बाजार में तुलनात्मक दर पर बिकने की क्षमता नहीं रखता है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री एम० एल० फोतेदार) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान, कारखाने की वार्षिक उत्पादन क्षमता तथा वास्तविक उत्पादन का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है :—

(टनों में)

वर्ष	क्षमता	वास्तविक उत्पादन
1984-85	30,000	25,496
1985-86	60,000	42,033
1986-87	60,000	51,545

(ग) और (घ) चूंकि स्पंज लोहे की देश में ही पर्याप्त मांग है, इसलिए इस इकाई का सम्पूर्ण उत्पादन स्वदेशी बाजार में ही बेचा जा रहा है और इस प्रकार इस उत्पादन को विश्व-बाजार में बेचने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Seepage in Vasant Vihar Government flats

4152. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry/CPWD had recently received various complaints about the heavy seepage in Government flats allotted in Vasant Vihar New Delhi, wherein the complaints had also stated the cause of this type of seepage;

(b) whether his Ministry are aware that this type of seepage in Government buildings may cause damage to the life of building as well as to the life of residents residing therein;

(c) if so, the reasons for not paying any heed to the verbal request about repairing of overhead tanks of those blocks properly in the very first attempt;

(d) what action Government propose to take against the engineers responsible who could not check the quality of construction at the time of construction and could not checks the leakage during those two years

when the quarters were ready but were not allotted to Central Government employees; and

(e) how the bills of contractors for such faulty construction have been finalised by the engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) There have been some complaints about seepage in Govt. quarters at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi and in the terrace level tanks there. The seepages reported are of minor nature and there is no likelyhood of any damage either to the buildings or to the life of the residents on this account.

(c) All efforts are made to attend to the complaints of the allottees promptly. However, due to the work-to-rule agitation and strike of Junior Engineers in the CPWD, there were some delays in attending to the complaints of the allottees. The JEs strike has now been called off and the work in the Enquiry Offices is returning to normal. The pending complaints about seepages had repairs of overhead tanks will attended to shortly.

(d) In view of the position explained above, the question of taking action against any CPWD engineer does not arise. There is nothing wrong with the works nor any serious defects have been noticed. The construction works were inspected and checked from time to time both by the officers connected with the work as also by the departmental officers from Quality Control Cell. The leakages in overhead tanks could not be checked/detected earlier due to non-availability of water from the MCD.

(e) The bills of the contractors have not finalised so far.

National Programme of Flood Control

4153. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when the National Programme of Flood Control in the country was launched and when the programme was originally scheduled to be completed;

(b) what are the achievements made so far and what are the reasons for non-completion of projects;

(c) what is the percentage of cost escalation in respect of the ongoing projects due to delay in their completion;

(d) what steps are being contemplated by Government to accelerate the progress of these projects; and

(e) by when Government propose to complete these projects?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) It was started in the First Plan and it is a continuing programme.

(b) A reasonable degree of protection has been provided to an area of about 13.2 million hectares upto March, 1986.

(c) It varies from project to project for various reasons.

(d) and (e) State Governments have been advised to give priority for the early completion of on-going projects by providing adequate funds and also to earmark funds for large and interestate schemes.

Soft loan and grants to Bihar for opening of Fair Price Shops

4154. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to Bihar as soft loan and other grants to open Fair Price Shops for distribution of essential commodities through cooperative sector during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have issued directions to the State Governments for distribution of essential commodities through co-operative sectors;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the amount allocated as soft loan and other grants for the purpose to Bihar Government in the budget grant of current financial year and proposed to be allocated for the next financial year?